

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is a 371 of PCT/GB04/00695 filed 02/23/2004 and claims priority to GB application 0304194.4 filed February 25, 2003.

Claims 1, 6, 12-13, 18 are pending in the current application.

Request for Continued Examination

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 30, 2010 has been entered.

Claim Rejections Withdrawn

3. The rejections of claims 1, 6, 12 & 18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention is withdrawn.

The rejections of claims 1, 6, 12 & 18 for obviousness type double patenting over the '946 patent is withdrawn in view of the terminal disclaimer.

Rejoinder

4. Claims 1, 6, 12 & 18 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(B), claim 13, directed to the process of making an allowable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement on April 23, 2008, is hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104.

Because all claims previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 have been rejoined, **the restriction requirement as set forth in the Office action mailed on April 23, 2008 is hereby withdrawn.** In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the rejoined inventions, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Examiner's Amendment

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Angela Follet on June 21, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 13 after the words *in vivo* hydrolysable ester

Delete “or amide”.

In claim 13 after the words iii) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a

Delete “prodrug”

And

Insert – an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof -.

In claim 18 after the words *in vivo* hydrolysable ester

Delete “ prodrug”.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David K. O'Dell whose telephone number is (571)272-9071. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JANET ANDRES can be reached on (571)272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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